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“The Intolerable Burden of Malaria: II. What’s New, What’s Needed” aims to strengthen the capacity of scientists and control workers and their institutions to address the burden of malaria through research and development of science-based policies and actions in the malarious countries. Ultimately, this research and its application will result in the elimination of malaria from Africa and other intransigent foci.

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